Electronic Exchanges in Orissa

983. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state whether Government have already approved the proposal of installing electronic exchange at Ragadi, Kopai, Markandapur and Upper Bachhan in the district of Jaipur of Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): The electronic exchange for Ragadi is under installation at the load centre, Pachhikotc which is at a distance of 2 Kms from Ragadi. The telephone exchange for Kopai (Korai) is proposed to be installed at Kopai (Korai) itself. The equipment has already been ordered. There is no proposal for opening new telephone exchanges at Markandapur and Uppar Bachhan (Upper Barnan) as these places arc proposed to be covered by Wireless in the Local Loop (WLL) system.

Restoration of faulty telephones

†984. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite making complaints to remove the faults of dead phones in Delhi, most of them arc not restored to service after onc month of registering complaints;

(b) if so, the outcome of the scheme of rectifying phones in twenty four hours; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken by Government with regard to the above so that telephone subscribers do not face any problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) No, Sir. It is not correct to say that most of the telephone complaints arc not attended for a month. There is no delay in rectifying defects in telephone exchange, drop wire and instruments. However, due to

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